

**Amendment to the claims;**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A respiratory mask that conforms to N95 performance and other high performance standards in air permeability for improved air circulation, the respiratory mask having a mask body and a headband for putting on the respiratory mask to the face of a wearer, the mask body comprising ~~consisting of~~:-

an inside mask;

an outside mask,

the inside mask having two or more filter layers;

the outside mask having two or more filter layers;

~~one or more spacers~~ at least one inside mask spacer inserted between the filter layers of the inside mask to generate space between different filter layers of the inside mask; and

~~one or more spacers~~ at least one outside mask spacer inserted between the filter layers of the outside mask to generate space between different filter layers of the outside mask

so that when air is discharged by the wearer, the spacers together with the filter layers provide a pumping effect ~~mechanism~~ to blow out ~~more~~ carbon dioxide given off by the wearer to the ~~surrounding~~ surroundings and to take in ~~more~~ air from the ~~surrounding~~ surroundings for the wearer.

2. (Currently amended) A respiratory mask ~~with~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein after a prolonged period of use of the respiratory mask by the wearer, and there is insufficient exchange of exhaled air with the air from the ~~surroundings~~surroundings, the spacer enables the puffing up of the mask, thereby increasing the size of the respiratory mask so as to provide a visual check on the choking of the mask of the wearer.
3. (Original) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the spacer acts as a semi-rigid supporting frame to prevent the respiratory mask from collapsing during inhalation.
4. (Original) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the spacer is of round cross section.
5. (Original) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the spacer is of rectangular cross section.
6. (Original) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the spacer is of square cross section.
7. (Currently amended) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the spacer is ~~[[a]]~~ an offset tapered concentric ring.
8. (Currently amended) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the spacer is ~~[[a]]~~ an offset or non-offset tapered square frame.
9. (Currently amended) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the spacer is ~~[[a]]~~ an offset or non-offset diamond frame.
10. (Currently amended) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the spacer is ~~[[a]]~~ an offset or non-offset tapered elliptical frame.
11. (Original) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the spacer is made by folding two filter layers in the cross sectional shape of a dovetail running in parallel

across the mask body, either horizontally or vertically or both horizontally and vertically in combination.

12. (Original) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the respiratory mask has a foam lining on the opening of the respiratory mask to provide air tight sealing to prevent any discharge of contaminants from getting out or into the respiratory mask.

13. (Currently amended) A respiratory mask as claimed in claim 1 wherein the respiratory mask has a neck curtain of sufficient length to cover the neck and any voluminous, thick and stuff beard of ~~the~~ a wearer with voluminous, thick and stiff beard.